

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- (a) My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- (b) I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ~~Venting~~ element for a cooler“ the specification of which is attached hereto. Ventilation
- (c) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification which is attached hereto, including the claims.
- (d) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.
- (e) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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of prior foreign application(s) which priority is claimed

- (f) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior U.S. application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, U.S. Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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